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Type: a)☒ Telephonic b)☐ Video Conference
c)☐ Personal [copy given to: 1)☐ applicant 2)☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d)☐ Yes e)☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 8-10, 21, and 22.

Identification of prior art discussed: Mclvor et al. (US 6,213,988) and Applicant's disclosed prior art.

Agreement with respect to the claims f)☐ was reached. g)☒ was not reached. h)☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The Examiner and the Applicant's Representative discussed the nature of the combination of references used by the Examiner to reject the discussed claims. The Examiner maintained that the combination was proper and supported by motivation either specifically stated or considered known to one having ordinary skill in the art. The Applicant's Representative disagreed.


(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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